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E.O. 11652: XGDS (IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE)

TAGS: EAGR AV MX

SUBJ: ALLEGED ILLEGAL IMPORTATION BOVINE SEMEN INTO MEXICO  
FOR TORREY, ARA MEXICO AND E. E. SAULMON, APHIS, USDA

1. LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION COMPANY AND MEXICAN EMPLOYEE OF A EUROPEAN PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM HAVE INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED TO EMB REPS THAT LARGE AMOUNTS OF BOVINE SEMEN HAVE BEEN ENTERING MEXICO ILLEGALLY FROM BRAZIL WHERE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ENDEMIC. AN ESTIMATED 10,000 DOSES HAVE REPORTEDLY ENTERED DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1973 VALUED AT FROM \$40-240 DOLLARS PER DOSE.

2. ACCORDING BOTH SOURCES THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME. ONE SOURCE ALLEGED TOP OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY AGRICULTURE AWARE OF SITUATION AND ARE PURPOSELY IGNORING IT.

3. FIRST SOURCE SAID THAT SOME SEMEN WAS FINDING ITS WAY INTO TEXAS BUT DECLINED GIVE DETAILS. OTHER SOURCE INDICATED HE HAD NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF SEMEN ENTERING U.S. BUT BELIEVED THIS WAS POSSIBLE.

4. ACCORDING BOTH SOURCES SYSTEM OPERATING SIMILAR TO NARCOTIC TRADE WITH SMALL SHIPMENTS ARRIVING ILLEGALLY INTO MEXICO BY  
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PRIVATE PLANE, WHILE LARGER SHIPMENTS ARRIVE BY FREIGHTERS WHICH

OFF LOAD IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS INTO SMALLER COASTAL BOATS.

5. ORDER TAKING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM APPARENTLY WELL ORGANIZED,  
WITH SINGLE ORDERS OF UP TO 1500 DOSES REPORTEDLY BEING TAKEN.

COMMENT: THIS SITUATION BEING REPORTED IN VIEW THREAT OF INTRO-  
DUCTION FOOT AND MOUTH INTO MEXICO AND U.S. FROM THIS SEMEN.  
BOTH EMBASSY REPS AND AFTOSA COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO IN-  
VESTIGATE AND REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS OBTAINED ALTHOUGH  
SOURCES RELUCTANT TALK IN SPECIFIC TERMS.  
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